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## Improving Trial Court Facilities: Fiscal Year 2009–2010 Funding Requests

### *Shasta—New Redding Courthouse*

Imperial—New El Centro Family Courthouse

Lake—New Lakeport Courthouse

Monterey—New South Monterey County Courthouse

Riverside—New Indio Juvenile and Family Courthouse

Sacramento—New Sacramento Criminal Courthouse

Sonoma—New Santa Rosa Criminal Courthouse

Sutter—New Yuba City Courthouse

In April 2008, the Judicial Council updated its Trial Court Capital-Outlay Plan that includes 152 new-construction, major renovation, and expansion projects estimated to cost \$9.3 billion (January 2008 dollars). The Initial funding request for these eight referenced projects was \$88.2 million for the 2009–2010 Fiscal Year, which would be funded by the Immediate and Critical Needs Account of the State Court Facilities Fund in proposed court revenue bond legislation Senate Bill 1407 (Perata). Their total project costs are estimated to be \$1.4 billion. If approved, these projects mark important progress toward implementing needed projects for trial courts across California.

### Shasta—New Redding Courthouse

A new Redding Courthouse is proposed by the AOC for initial funding of \$7.0 million for FY 2009–2010. The new facility will house 14 courtrooms. The estimated total cost for this courthouse of approximately 173,350 gross square feet is \$209.19 million (escalated to construction mid-point in Summer 2013). Both the City of Redding and the County of Shasta have shown their interest in partnering with the State on the construction of a new courthouse in Redding. Such a partnership could result in donated land or reduced land costs. This project is ranked in the Immediate Need Project Priority Group of the Trial Court Capital-Outlay Plan and is one of the highest priority capital-outlay projects for the judicial branch.

### Lack of Security, Severe Overcrowding, Poor Physical Conditions, and Reduced Access to Court Services

The County of Shasta is served by three existing trial court locations within the City of Redding. These court facilities are functionally deficient, overcrowded, and among the worst in the state in terms of security. The existing facilities will remain incapable of meeting the region's growing demand for court services. The overcrowding and lack of proper security at the existing facilities and the public's hindered access to court

services are among the reasons why the proposed new Redding Courthouse is urgently needed.



Prisoner Being Escorted in Public Corridor

### Local Government Collaboration on Project

The City of Redding City Council adopted a resolution to donate a site adjacent to City Hall for the new courthouse. Additionally, the County of Shasta Board of Supervisors has written a Letter of Intent supporting the donation of county land near the existing downtown courthouse. These commitments may result in reduced land costs to the state and allow the project to move more quickly into the design phase.

### Long-term Funding Needs

The California legislature is considering authorizing a revenue bond to pay for the state's most urgently needed court projects. This legislation proposes increasing criminal penalties and other filing fees to be contributed to the State Court Facilities Construction Fund for the sole purpose of funding court construction projects.

### More Information

A project feasibility report for the New Redding Courthouse, dated July 1, 2008, was prepared by AOC staff. This report documents the poor functional and physical conditions of the existing Main Courthouse and Annex, the Justice Center, and the Juvenile court facilities in Shasta County, explores options for how best to meet the needs of the court and of the public, and estimates the cost to construct a new facility. This document can be downloaded from the following Web site:

[www.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/occm/documents/pfr-shasta.pdf](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/occm/documents/pfr-shasta.pdf)

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